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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7650

BILL NUMBER: HB 1794

DATE PREPARED: Jan 10, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Alcohol Server Training.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
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IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes an optional server training program that may be certified by the Alcoholic Beverage Commission if certain criteria are met. The bill defines "server training program". The bill establishes criteria that a teacher of a server training program must meet in order to be approved by the Commission. The bill requires certified server training programs to keep records and make reports to the Commission. The bill allows the Commission prosecutor to take into consideration as mitigating factors whether an individual: (1) has completed a certified server training program; or (2) has been licensed for less than five months; in prosecuting the employee for a violation of a commission rule.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would allow the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) to approve voluntary Server Training Programs designed to provide specific information to employees that sell, dispense, or provide alcoholic beverages. The bill would require the Commission to develop forms, approve trainers, and develop general procedures associated with the program. The ABC should be able to absorb any additional costs associated with the bill's requirements.

Background Information: There are approximately 90,000 alcoholic beverage employee permit holders in Indiana. ABC excise officers currently provide free voluntary training in each of the ABC's six districts to approximately 3,000 permittees each year. In addition to ABC training, there are several private companies which provide employee training for a fee. The number of individuals served by these groups is unknown.

Explanation of State Revenues: The bill allows the ABC to sell, for a reasonable price, the seal which designates a certified server training program. The amount of revenue generated from the sale of the certification seal will depend on the number of trainers that want to become certified and the amount the Commission charges for the seal.

The bill also allows the ABC's prosecutor, when prosecuting an employee for a rule violation, to consider as mitigating factors an employee's participation in a certified training program or if the employee has been licensed for less than five months. To the extent that this provision could reduce the civil penalties assessed by the Commission, state revenue could be reduced.

Civil penalties for violations of the ABC's rules are deposited into the Enforcement and Administration Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Don Okey, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 232-2463.